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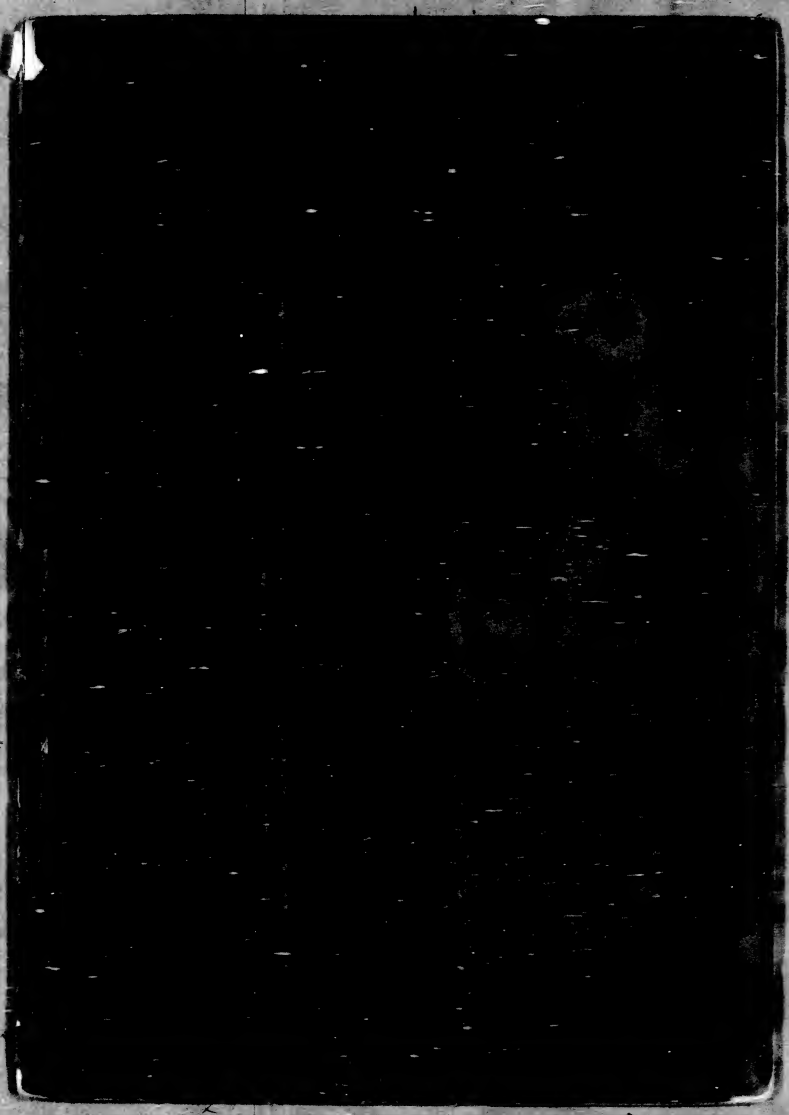
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MINUTES  
OF THE  
FORTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION  
OF THE  
COOSA RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,  
HELD WITH  
THE MUNFORD BAPTIST CHURCH,  
TALLADEGA COUNTY, ALA.,  
THURSDAY, FRIDAY and SATURDAY  
SEPTEMBER 14, 15 AND 16, 1882.

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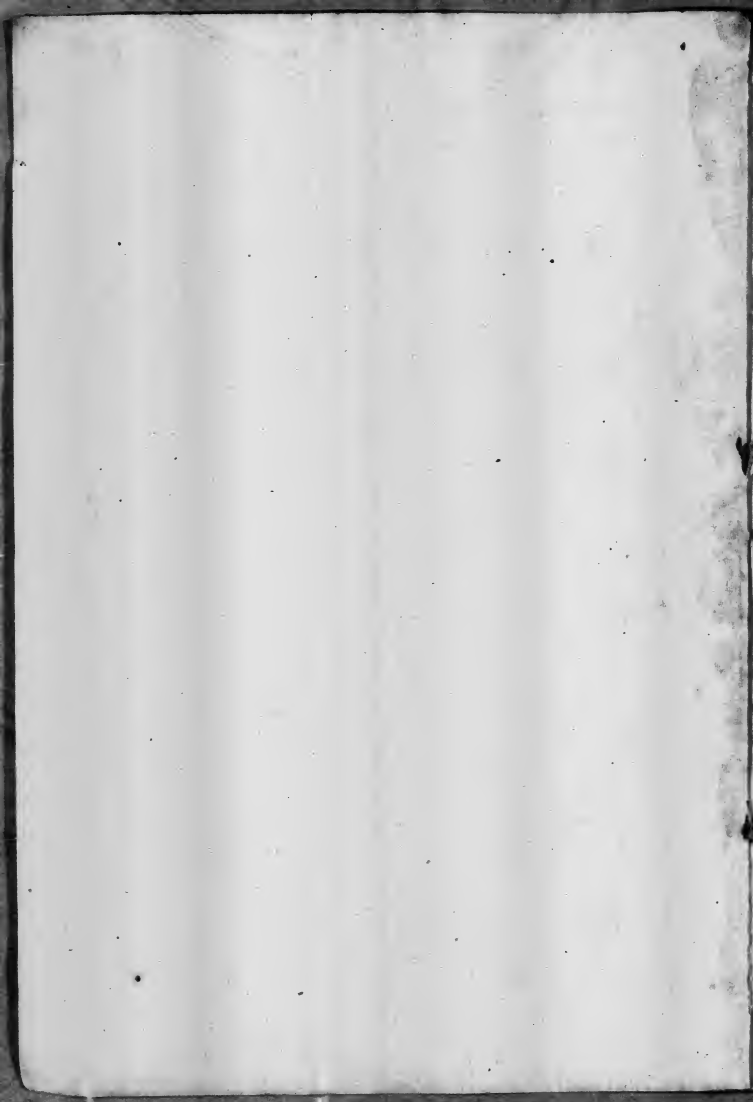
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## MINUTES.

MUNFORD BAPTIST CHURCH, September 14th, 1882.

Messengers to compose the Forty-ninth Annual Session of the Coosa River Baptist Association met this day with the Munford Baptist Church, Talladega county, Alabama.

11 A. M. Introductory Sermon preached by Eld. W. Wilkes, from Isaiah 30:9-11.

Intermission of one hour.

1:30 P. M. Reassembled to organize. The Moderator, Eld. J. J. D. Renfroe, conducted the opening devotional services.

Brethren Wilkes, Henderson and Mattison read the letters from the churches.

Messengers' names were enrolled as follows :

### FIRST DISTRICT.

Cold Water—B. Henderson, D. M. Murphree and R. P. Heaton.  
Sulphur Springs—J. T. Vinson and H. Daniel.  
Antioch—E. A. Aderholt and M. Mashburn.  
Salem—G. Mynatt, J. T. Crawford and John Huey.  
Oxford—E. T. Smyth, T. P. Gwin, J. S. Kelley, J. C. Wright, E. G. Robertson, Abner Williams and D. B. Williams.  
Jacksonville—John Crook and James Nunnally.  
Post Oak Spring—S. D. McClelen and B. G. McClelen.  
Mt Zion (Calhoun county)—Wm. S. Griffin.  
Oak Bowery—W. K. Mynatt, W. W. Gullidge and H. Mynatt.  
Cane Creek—B. B. Nunnally, W. O. Peace and E. M. Reid.  
Munford—B. W. Mattison, Samuel Hall, G. C. Wright, Jr., and J. H. Pope.  
Weaver's Station—E. V. Weaver.

### SECOND DISTRICT.

Blue Eye—T. K. Trotter, A. W. Bell and Carlos Embry.  
Talladega—J. J. D. Renfroe, Ed J. Dean, C. W. Stringer, A. W. McGaha, D. T. Castleberry and Paul Gist.  
Union—Leopold Merkl.  
Ferryville—Geo. M. Dickson.  
Refuge—C. L. Hammonds and P. L. Spitzer.  
Pleasant Grove—J. K. Elliott, W. Ogletree, Thos. F. Elliott and W. L. Gover.  
Alpine—H. M. Burt, A. D. Bell and J. E. Welch.  
Hephzibah—W. A. Hawkins, John M. Burk, Jas. A. Hitt and F. G. Mullins.  
Beech Grove—(new) Samuel Henderson.

### THIRD DISTRICT.

Pilgrims' Rest—E. Haywood, J. C. Smelley and J. C. Bishop.  
Fort Williams—W. T. Killabrew.

Tallassahatchie—W. H. Glazner and J. M. Sherrill.

Childersburg—F. Moss.

Mt. Zion (Talladega county)—W. Wilkes, Wm. H. Malone and J. D. Wilkes.

Mt. Sharon—H. J. Coleman.

Rocky Mount—J. H. Owens and T. H. Leach.

Shelving Rock—Wm. Morris.

Winterboro—E. B. Ledbetter, Felix Mauldin, H. D. Moore, and S. Rogers.

#### FOURTH DISTRICT.

Harpersville—H. C. Phillips.

Spring Creek—J. C. Davis.

Macedonia—A. M. Posey, L. M. Clinkscales and D. L. Davis.

Coosa Valley—L. Law, I. R. W. Lewis, J. A. Collins and N. Willingham.

Wilsonville—Thos. M. Henderson.

Officers elected: E. T. Smyth, Moderator; Lealis Law, Clerk; Jas. K. Elliott, Treasurer.

On motion of A. W. Bell, a committee of one from each church was appointed to devise means to obtain the remainder of the proposed Indigent Ministers' Fund.

A petition for membership in the Association was received from Beech Grove Baptist Church. The Church was admitted to fellowship.

Correspondence was called for, and responded to from:

Boiling Springs Association—J. J. Nall and D. N. Hembre.

Tallassahatchie—J. R. Graham and Jno. M. Mills.

Carey—I. A. J. Nelson and James Tolen.

J. T. Murfee, President of Howard College; W. C. Cleveland, President of Board of State Missions and Editor of the *Alabama Baptist*; J. J. D. Renfroe, Vice-president of the Board of Foreign Missions, were recognized in their official capacity, and invited to address the Association during the meeting of the body.

Committee on Public Worship: E. T. Smyth and the deacons of Munford Church; J. S. Kelly, H. M. Burt and W. H. Malone.

Order of Meeting and Adjournment: Meet at 9 a. m., adjourn at 12 m.; meet at 1 p. m., adjourn at 4 p. m.

Committee appointed on Finance: Ed J. Dean, E. G. Robertson and F. Moss.

Friday 10 a. m. set apart for Report of Com. on State Miss'ns

“ 2 p. m. “ “ “ “ Foreign “

Saturday 10 a. m. “ “ “ “ “ Education.

Returned correspondence to:

Tallassahatchie Association—T. P. Gwin and E. T. Smyth.

Cahaba Valley Association—J. A. Collins, N. Willingham and L. Law.

Boiling Springs Association—W. W. Bigbee.

Carey Association—J. J. D. Renfroe.

Shelby Association—W. W. Kidd and H. C. Phillips.

Canaan Association—S. Henderson and L. Law.

Adjourned to Friday 9 A. M. Prayer by T. P. Gwin.

FRIDAY 9 A. M. Sept. 15, 1882.

The Association met. Devotional exercises were conducted by the Moderator. Prayer by W. C. Cleveland.

Appointed messengers to the State Convention: S. Henderson, W. H. Malone, J. C. Wright, Ed J. Dean, W. S. Griffin, T. P. Gwin, E. T. Smyth, J. J. D. Renfro, L. Law, John Crook, A. W. McGaha, W. Wilkes, T. K. Trotter, J. K. Elliott, Abner Williams, J. S. Kelly and L. Merkl.

The Committee on Sunday Schools reported:

It would seem that it could scarcely be necessary to say a word in relation to the importance of the Sunday School work. But, much as has been written and said and sung about this matter, it may well be doubted whether any of us have attained unto perfection in our estimate of the transcendent importance of this work. Of all the agencies employed for the diffusion of the light of divine truth and the evangelization of the world, the work of the Sunday School is subordinate only to that of the preaching of the Gospel. It is exceedingly gratifying to your committee to be able to report that the Sunday School work is making rapid progress in every part of our Association; vast improvements, too, in the methods of conducting the schools, and in the apparatus employed to increase their efficiency, are strikingly apparent; and the interest evinced in the Sunday School work, both by teachers and pupils, is amazingly enhanced.

The children and youth of the land are to be religiously educated, and they will doubtless be thus educated. It only remains to be determined what kind of religious culture shall our children have. We think it rests with us as Baptists to a very great extent, under God, to say what manner of children our children shall be. Their minds are now open to receive whatever impress may be sought to be made upon them. Shall the impress thus made be that of the truth in its entirety? Or shall we stand idly by and see their minds corrupted by the errors of Romanism, Ritualism, and false doctrine? It is, unquestionably, just as much our duty to teach the truth in its entirety to our children, as it is to preach it to adults from our pulpits. The requirements of God to his ancient people were: "These words which I command you this day shall be in thine heart, and thou shalt teach them diligently to thy children." Let us then gird ourselves for this important work. Your committee feel that too much importance and attention cannot be given to the character of our Sunday School literature. The impressibility of the minds of the young; and the controlling influence of early training and teaching in forming and perfecting habits of thought and speech, and in moulding character for time and eternity, are considerations of the highest magnitude, and should urge upon those who are to judge and issue our literature the utmost care and vigilance; remembering, that as the twig is bent the tree is inclined, that, an error fostered and cherished by the affections and sympathies of the young mind may spring up and bear ruinous fruit.

It should be the imperative duty of Baptists to see that the literature placed in the hands of our children is not defective, but freed from the imperfections and short comings of much of that now in use, and teaching the truth of God plainly, simply, and fully, *as it is Jesus*.

This is the work of God; for its success we should implore divine aid and wisdom. With the Bible before us, it will not be difficult to determine the general character of our Sunday School literature; it must be the basis upon which all our Sunday School books, papers, and helps stand; it must give tone and cast to all our publications without omission, addition, or compromise. Its precious truths should be so incorporated into all our literature that our children may become wise in the doctrines and precepts of the divine oracles.

E. T. SMYTH, Chairman.

The report was referred to a special committee, W. Wilkes, J.



J. D. Renfro, A. W. McGaha, S. Henderson, J. C. Wright, to report thereon at 8 p. m.

The Committee on State Missions, reported:

The vast amount of work being done by our State Mission Board, although of such vital importance to our denomination, is too well known by all our brethren to require a very lengthy report on the subject. When first inaugurated, there was a doubt in the minds of many of our brethren as to its propriety; but whatever fears may have been entertained, they have long since been dispelled by the glorious work accomplished through its instrumentality. The statistics of the last conventional year are indeed encouraging: during the year, 41 men have been in the employ of the Board for the whole or part of their time, equivalent to the continuous labor of one man  $25\frac{1}{2}$  years; 3718 sermons and addresses, 12 churches constituted, 121 persons baptized, 305 baptized by others in connection with the labors of the missionaries, 100 brought into pastorless churches by letter, and 50 by restoration, 62 Sunday Schools organized, 3625 religious visits made, 148 preaching stations supplied, 4750 tracts distributed, 2500 volumes of religious books sold. While these facts are very encouraging, we should be stimulated to greater exertion; for, this is a work which cannot be done through any other instrumentality. We heartily commend the work to your consideration and support.

A. W. MCGAHA, Chairman.

W. C. Cleveland, President of State Mission Board, addressed the body on the subject of State Missions.

The report was adopted; and

*Resolved*, That we adopt the suggestion of the State Mission Board to raise among our churches \$1,025, to be apportioned as follows: For State Missions, \$600, for Foreign Missions, \$150; for Home Missions, \$150; for Ministerial Education, \$75; for Colportage, \$50.

A committee of S. Henderson, A. Williams, B. Mattison, E. Welch and E. G. Robertson was appointed to make a pro-rata distribution of the \$1,025 among the churches.

The following pledges and contributions were made for the erection of a Baptist church at Anniston, Calhoun county, Ala., the pledges to be paid by December 1st, 1882:

Mt. Zion Ch. (Talladega Co.)..	\$ 5 00	Individual Pledges.	
Talladega .....	15 00		
Alpine .....	10 00	Gordon Mynatt .....	\$ 1 00 Paid.
Oxford .....	5 00	W. T. Killabrew .....	50 Paid.
Salem .....	5 00	Mrs. S. G. Jenkins .....	1 00 Paid.
Cane Creek .....	5 00	M. H. Hansard .....	5 00
Munford .....	10 00	A. W. Bell .....	5 00
Oak Bowery .....	5 00	Frank Allen .....	1 00
Ferryville .....	5 00		
Refuge .....	5 00		\$13 50
Pleasant Grove .....	5 00	Total amount pledged .....	\$103 50
Hephzibah .....	5 00		
Beech Grove .....	5 00		
Coosa Valley .....	5 00		

\$90 00

A Special Committee on I. M. Fund of one from each church was appointed: A. W. Bell, D. I. Murphree, W. B. Mashburn, Jno. B. Mynatt, J. S. Kelly, John Crook, S. D. McClelen, A. H. Mynatt, B. B. Nunnally, Wm. Griffin, W. D. Wright, E. V. Weaver, Carlos Embry, D. S. Castleberry, L. Merkl, Geo.

# COOSA RIVER ASSOCIATION.

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M. Dickson, C. L. Hammonds, J. K. Elliott, A. D. Bell, W. A. Hawkins, W. T. Killabrew, E. Haywood, J. Sherrill, F. Moss, Jno. D. Wilkes, Robert Leach, Wm. Morris, A. D. Moore, H. C. Phillips, J. T. Davis, A. M. Posey, N. Willingham and Thos. M. Henderson.

Adjourned to 1 p. m.

FRIDAY 1 P. M., Sept. 15, 1882.

Association met. Prayer by Eld. T. K. Trotter. On motion of J. J. D. Renfroe, a committee to prepare programme of business for the next session of the Association, was appointed.

Committee: J. J. D. Renfroe, J. C. Wright and W. S. Griffin.

Treasurer of Indigent Ministers' Fund reported :

C. W. Stringer, Treasurer.

In account with Coosa River Association :

1881—Sept. 15.	To cash balance on hand (see last Report).....	\$2,030 21
Nov. 2.	To cash donated by Ladies' Aid So. of Alpine Ch. . .	10 00
1882—Jan. 6.	To cash from Coosa River Ass'n by J. J. D. Renfroe. .	7 00
Sept. 15.	" " rec'd for accrued Interest 1 yr. on \$1,930.21 to date.....	154 41
Sept. 15.	To cash rece'd for Interest on \$100.00 1 yr. to Sept. 28, 1882.....	8 00
		<hr/> \$2,209 62

## CREDITS.

1881—Sept. 28.	By cash loaned on note by order of Pres't of Board.	\$ 100 00
1882—July 20.	By cash paid for school books for Robt. McCain (son of Rev. W. McCain, deceased).....	1 93
Sept. 15.	By balance on hand carried down.....	2,107 69
		<hr/> \$2,209 62
Sept. 15.	To cash balance on hand.....	\$2,107 69
"	amount Interest bearing notes.....	297 25
		<hr/> Total assets.....\$2,404 94

Sept. 15, 1882.

C. W. STRINGER, Treas. I. M. Fund.

Report adopted.

## Treasurer of Executive Committee reported:

P. G. STRINGER, Treasurer,

In account with Executive Committee of COOSA RIVER ASSOCIATION :

1881.		Dr.	
Nov. 1.	To Cash from C. R. Cross (former Treasurer)....	\$106 20	
" 2.	" " " W. R. Stone.....	50 00	
1882.			
Jan. 6.	" " " J. J. D. Renfroe, on Associational Missions.....	2 55	
" 6.	" " " J. J. D. Renfroe, on Surplus Minute Fund.....	10 00	
Mar. 15.	" " " Dr. W. A. Welch, on Jenkins Fund	21 84	
" 15.	" " " Dr. W. A. Welch, for Alpine Church	6 40	
Total.....		\$196 99	
1881.		Cr.	
Dec. 7.	By Cash paid E. Haywood, supplmt to pastor's salary at Pilgrim's Rest Church.....	\$ 15 00	
1882.			
Jan. 6.	" " " J. C. Williams, extra on printing of minutes.....	10 00	
To Balance on hand.....		\$171 99	\$196 99
		P. G. STRINGER, Treas. Ex. Com.	

September 15, 1882.

Report adopted.

The Executive Committee was authorized, without limitation, to make appropriations to destitute fields.

The Committee on Ministerial Education, reported :

This subject involves the consideration and discussion of both literary and theological training. It is assumed as a fact, that all persons will agree as to the importance of education in general and especially of Ministerial Education. But the inquiry arises, to what extent is it considered necessary that a man be educated to become an efficient minister of the Gospel? Must his education be thorough and complete in all cases? or will not a partial course of study in many instances fit and qualify a minister having the grace of God in his heart, to preach in demonstration of the Spirit and with power?

And, first of all, your Committee hold it to be true, that education alone, though possessed in the highest and most eminent degree, can never make a preacher. No University, nor Theological Seminary can invest him with that authority. Unless he is called of God, and his credentials come from above, his preaching, however beautiful and eloquent it might appear unto men, in the estimation of our divine Master would be only as sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal. But, when a man is called of God to preach, accompanying such call it is believed that education may be highly beneficial;—that it tends to enlarge a minister's sphere of usefulness, and enables him, under God, to become a more efficient and successful ambassador for Christ. Hence, let every one who believes that to him is committed a dispensation of the Gospel, study to show himself *approved unto God*, and, to the utmost extent of his ability, acquire all the information in his power. If he can command the means, let him take a full course of instruction in both the Howard and the Seminary; and if he cannot do that, then let him take a partial course; and if he has no means with which to enter college, let him not be discouraged, but read and study at home as thousands have done and are doing, and in this way become a self made man, and perhaps rise to a higher degree of distinction and usefulness in the ministry than multitudes have done, who have been blessed with the best of opportunities. The Committee express it as their opinion, that a full course of study in college

is not in all cases absolutely essential, and may not become so until the masses of the people are also educated.

Let the ministry in general, everywhere, in point of learning, keep in advance, or at least abreast, with their congregations. Your committee believe that as a denomination we need three grades of intellectual culture, and of educated preachers:

1. We require some of the very highest order of talents, and of the most profound learning; such as can most successfully meet and repel the tide of infidelity, which, in its Protean forms and soul-destroying influences, is sweeping over the land. Thoroughly educated men are what we need—men competent to give a true and faithful version of the Scriptures, so that we may be prepared against all opposing religious sects to contend earnestly for the faith once delivered to the saints.

2. We need multitudes of others also who, though not men of classic lore, are yet highly intelligent, and who, possessing a brilliant order of talents with a fine English education, are listened to with great delight, and are highly acceptable everywhere, to all classes of hearers; and it is believed that among this grade of preachers are found some of the finest speakers and most distinguished pulpit orators of the world.

3. We need also a host of others of more humble mediocrity, but who being mighty in the Scriptures, with the love of God in their souls, are preaching with great power to the masses of the people throughout the country, among the hills, and mountains, and valleys, and persuading them to be reconciled to God.

Then let them all as laborers together with God work harmoniously in the field of labor to which our great Master has assigned them. It is confidently believed that he has a great work for them all to do, and that he will abundantly reward every one for all his work and labor of love.

*Resolved*, That we still extend to the Howard our patronage and support; and that we cherish the warmest feelings and sympathies for our Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky.

W. W. KIDD, Ch'm'n.

The report was laid on the table for consideration at the time assigned for the discussion of the subject of education in general at 10 a. m. Saturday.

A letter enclosing \$20 from Mrs. Mary G. Posey, for Missions, was received and referred to the Finance Committee to be embraced in their report.

I. T. Tichenor, Cor. Sec. of the H. M. Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, was recognized in his official capacity, and invited to address the Association in the interest of Home Missions.

The Committee on Foreign Missions reported:

#### I. ITS OBLIGATIONS.

The obligations which enforce the duty of sending the Gospel to foreign lands, are: 1st, The command of the Head of the Church; 2nd, the appeals of destitution. As to the command enjoining the service, it comes from the highest authority, our glorified Messiah, supplemented by all the eloquence of Calvary and enforced by the tenderness of his parting interview with his disciples. That delinquency, that heresy that leaves this great duty out of the Christian's creed, is fatal to all Christian progress, as seen in the history of our Anti-missionary brethren for the last fifty years. Progress is the law of Christ's kingdom and obedience to the command, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature," involves not only the perpetuity, but the very existence of any denomination of Christians. It is the very life-blood of the whole body of Christ; and when it ceases to vitalize that body, it is doomed to decay.

and death. So that if we desire to preserve our denomination from such a doom, we must recognize and carry out this last command of our Lord.

## 2. ITS ENCOURAGEMENTS.

These are many. There is, first of all, the promise of the Father to the Son, called by our old divines the "covenant of redemption," to give him "the heathen for his inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for his possession." Then follows the promise of Christ himself, to whom "all power in Heaven and earth has been committed, that he will be with us to the end of the world." Then comes in the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit, which is the guaranty that "his word shall not return unto him void," nay, that it shall be made the "power of God unto salvation" wherever it is preached. And so of every promise in God's Word which relates to the "coming and kingdom of Jesus Christ." And then the results of our missionary labors in these latter days are encouraging beyond all precedent. Eighty-six years ago there were seven Protestant missionary societies in the world, employing 170 male missionaries, expending \$200,000 a year, and reporting 50,000 heathen converts, 70 schools, and 50 translations of the Scriptures. Now, these are the facts: 72 societies, with 2,400 American and European missionaries, besides thousands of native pastors and laborers, 1,500,000 converts, 12,000 schools, 400,000 pupils, 236 translations of the Scriptures, and 150,000,000 copies of the Sacred Volume distributed.

Another grouping of these facts, so far as American Christians are concerned, is quite encouraging to us as a denomination. The three principal denominations in this country, the Methodist, Presbyterian and Congregational, expended last year \$1,500,000, and have an aggregate membership in their churches among the heathen of not quite 60,000. The Baptist denomination expended \$350,000, and have a membership of very nearly 90,000. And this has been accomplished with a smaller number of American missionaries than any of these denominations. While we ought to feel rebuked by their zeal as manifested in their contributions and number of missionaries as surpassing those of ours so far, we may also be encouraged by the greater blessing with which God has crowned our labors: Less than one-fourth of American laborers, and less than one-fourth of the means contributed, have yielded 50 per cent more in real results, than has been accomplished by all three of these denominations. Account for this as we may, we should at least be encouraged to increase our means and efforts. As a denomination, we believe that the more directly divine truth is brought in contact with the people, the more effective it becomes in human salvation.

S. HENDERSON, Ch'm'n.

The report was adopted.

Clerks of churches will please take notice that Elder J. J. D. Renfroe, Vice President of Board of Foreign Missions, requests that each church will furnish him the name of some active, consecrated brother or sister, who will advocate the cause of Foreign Missions in each church.

The Committee on Family Religion reported:

Family religion is pre-eminently the religion of Christ, as it refers to family relations, in all respects. According to the Scriptures, the family embraces husband, wife, children and servants. In the 5th and 6th chapters of Ephesians their relative duties are clearly defined. The husband is the head of the wife, and hence the head of the family. The wife is to submit to her own husband *in the Lord*. The children are to obey their parents, and the servants their masters. The husband is to love his wife as himself. The father must not provoke his children to anger, and the master must not threaten those serving him. Children must honor their father and mother, which is the first commandment

with promise ; and the servants must not render eye-service, as men pleasers, but serve with good will, as unto the Lord, and not unto men.

We thus epitomize the family relations and obligations, as laid down in God's word, and affectionately refer all church members to the careful and prayerful study of Ephesians, 5th and 6th chapters, as pointing out the rules of the individual action of every one in the family. And the scrupulous observance of these rules is the only sure means of giving success to human effort to bring happiness and prosperity to the family as a whole and as individuals. And it may be safely stated, that the measure of their success depends on the nearness with which these rules are followed, in spirit and in letter. Every member owes certain duties and regards to each of the rest ; and they in turn are respectively under the same obligations to that one. It will be observed, that while the husband is the head of the wife, it is impossible for him to mistreat her in any wise, because he must love her *as himself* ; and no sane man will abuse his own body and his own heart. In turn, though the wife must submit herself unto her husband, it is to be done *in the Lord*. The submission is not the result of dominancy, but of necessity ; there must be a head, a controlling force ; otherwise, there is confusion. There would be hardship on some, and ease on the rest. The husband must find a full and hearty co-operation in the efforts of the wife ; but this co-operation on her part is stimulated into effectiveness by the proper conduct of the husband. If a man love his wife as himself, his tenderness and his care for her will be studiously observed and shown ; and it would be only a heartless woman who did not fully reciprocate such manifestations from her husband ; and so it may be said of the wife as of the husband ; no woman ever hated her own self. The Christian rule works equal good to both. See Eph. v., and especially verses 21-33, inclusive.

It is highly wrong, and a great shame, for a husband to hold up his wife before any one, at home or abroad, as having done anything to be laughed at, making her, thus, the object of sport, for who-ever heard of a man thus holding up himself before any one? To excite a laugh at any one's pain of feelings is very wrong, but it is wholly inexcusable in a husband toward his wife. The conduct of husband and wife towards each other gives character to the family. As they act towards each other, so will they demean themselves toward their children, and so, in the main, will be the conduct of the children towards one another. If anything wrong is seen in the children, its cause may, as a rule, be traceable to the parents. In other words, may it not be stated as a fact that, as a rule, the children reflect the character of the parents? As said in the outset, so let it be reiterated with emphasis, that family religion is pre-eminently the religion of Christ ; and, further, the rules laid down by it for the family underlie the successful structure of society and government. Society is formed from contiguous families, and government grows out of the mutual interests of many societies or communities. As the large stream comes from the many small ones, and receives the character of its waters from them, so government comes from the families of the land. Individual family character makes up governmental character. The subject before us is laden with the highest interests of church and state, and opens to the view a field productive of extensive, deep and prayerful thought ; and we close by suggesting that the family is a school, organized by our Heavenly Father, for the safety and good of all, where is learned what mainly controls the human life, the true text book being, always, the Bible, and the principal teacher the husband, and assistant, a faithful wife. The husband is the teacher, and the text book being the Bible, he should be held accountable, by the church of which he is a member, for the conduct of the members of his family. Dancing parties, parties in which are games and worldly songs, should be prohibited, and their evils clearly and constantly shown from the Scriptures, and otherwise. Family prayer and religious singing should be daily kept up. This, it is believed by the committee, is neglected by a very large per cent. of the heads of families, among our membership ; and we be-

lieve, further, that the reason for this neglect is found, mainly, in not reading and studying the Scriptures and exemplifying, before the family, the truths they teach.

JNO. B. MYNATT, Chairman.

Report adopted.

On motion of Abner Williams, \$20 00 was appropriated to the Clerk, for his services, and he was instructed to have 1,000 copies of the Minutes printed at the job office of THE ALABAMA BAPTIST, and deposit a sufficient amount of funds with said office to have the Minutes mailed to the respective churches as soon as printed.

Introductory Sermon of next session of the Association to be preached by Eld. S. Henderson; Eld. J. J. D. Renfroe, alternate.

Adjourned to 7:30 P. M.

7:30 P. M., FRIDAY, Sept. 15, 1882.

Association met. Devotional exercises conducted by Moderator. Prayer by Eld. J. C. Wright. The Special Committee, to whom was referred Sunday School report, reported: pending discussion of special report, the following substitute was offered by the Bro. Clerk, and adopted:

*Resolved, 1st,* That this Association appoint a Sunday School Executive Committee, having power to inaugurate an Associational Sunday School Union, by selecting time and place, appointing officers for said Associational Union, and preparing a programme of business, with suitable agencies for carrying out programme for said meeting.

*Resolved, 2d,* That said Associational Union, after primary organization, shall perpetuate its own existence, and be governed by rules and regulations of its own origination; and shall annually report to the Coosa River Association its progress and statistics.

The report of Committee on Sunday Schools was then adopted. Adjourned to 9 A. M. Saturday. Prayer by J. J. D. Renfroe.

SATURDAY, 9 A. M., Sept. 16, 1882.

Association met. Devotional services conducted by Moderator. Prayer by Bro. Lowry. Letters of dismission were granted to Mt. Sharon and Shelving Rock churches.

The Treasurer of Association reported:

J. K. ELLIOTT, Treasurer,

In account with COOSA RIVER ASSOCIATION:  
Debits.

1881.		
Sept. 19.	To cash received of Finance Com., for Minutes....	\$ 73 10
" "	" " for Indigent Minister's fund.....	7 00
" "	" " Associational Missions.....	50
" "	" " Foreign Missions.....	53 35
" "	" " Home ".....	25 75
" "	" " State ".....	52 65
" "	" " Jenkins Fund ...	50 00
" "	" amount of public collection.....	23 55

Aggregate..... \$285 90

Credits:

By cash paid Rev. L. Law, for Minutes (as per

	vouchers).....	\$ 73 10	
"	"	T. M. Bailey (as per vouchers from	
"	"	Oak Bowery church).....	10 25
"	"	W. Wilkes (as per voucher No. 2)...	4 50
"	"	S. Henderson " " " 3....	10 50
"	"	J. J. D. Renfroe (to be applied to the	
	various objects above indicated).....	187 55	
			\$285 90
		J. K. ELLIOTT, Treasurer.	

Report adopted.

The Special Committee on Indigent Ministers' Fund reported :

There were \$473 65 needed to make the amount of \$2,500, which was first intended ; an effort to make up the above amount at this meeting of the Association by conferring with a committee of one from each church of this body, resulted in securing, by pledges, \$262 00, leaving a balance of \$211 65. The payment of this balance has been assumed by A. W. Bell and C. W. Stringer, each giving his note to the Board of Trustees of Indigent Ministers' Fund for \$105 82.

A. W. BELL, Chairman.

The report was adopted. (For list of pledges see appendix.)

Prof. Robert Frazer, President of Judson Female Institute, was recognized in his official capacity, and invited to address the body at 10 A. M.

On motion of Abner Williams :

*Resolved, 1st,* That a committee of three, consisting of J. J. D. Renfroe, John W. Bishop and P. G. Stringer, be appointed to prepare an Associational letter, and have it published in the Minutes of this session, if they deem that the best plan to accomplish the end desired.

*Resolved, 2d,* That in order to ascertain, more generally, the information desired from the churches composing this body, the clerks of churches be requested to conform to the model above provided for.

Resolutions adopted.

On motion of J. J. D. Renfroe :

*Resolved,* That this Association will co-operate with and give encouragement to any and all well-directed efforts that may be made to prohibit the making, using, or selling of ardent spirits, as a beverage, in its bounds, and throughout the State of Alabama.

Adopted.

Prof. Robert Frazer, President of Judson Institute, and J. T. Murfee, President of Howard College, addressed the body on the subject of Education.

In the absence of a report on Education, the following paper, offered by J. J. D. Renfroe, was adopted :

*Resolved,* That we have listened, with great pleasure and profit, to the addresses of our distinguished brethren, Frazer and Murfee, of the Judson and Howard, respectively, and we seize the occasion to re-affirm our hearty devotion to these institutions of learning, and our anxious desire for their largest success. These schools were founded by our Alabama Baptist Fathers; have been fostered with care through subsequent trials; are prosperous, and in every way worthy of the patronage of the people of our State; and we earnestly commend them to our whole people, as furnishing advantages, of the finest order, for the education of our sons and daughters.

Hephzibah church, eight miles west of Talledega, was selected



as the place for next meeting of the Association. Time, Tuesday, 10 A. M., before 3d Sabbath in September, 1883.

The following, offered by Abner Williams, was adopted :

WHEREAS, This Association, having made arrangements for Missionary purposes, etc., therefore

*Resolved, 1st.* That in order to accomplish this, and to awaken a more general interest and enthusiasm in Missions, each district be requested to hold missionary meetings, at some church within its bounds, commencing on Friday or Saturday preceding each fifth Sabbath, as may be indicated by the committee charged with the duty of arranging programme for these meetings.

*Resolved, 2d.* That a committee of three, in each District, be appointed by the Moderator of this Association, to arrange programmes and appoint speakers to address these meetings on selected topics, bearing on the duty of enlarged liberality towards our Mission work. (For committees appointed see appendix.)

*Resolved, 3d.* That the churches in each District be requested to send as large delegations as practicable, of brethren and sisters, to these meetings,

Adjourned to 1 P. M. Prayer by A. W. McGaha.

SATURDAY, 1 P. M., September 16, 1882.

Association met. Devotional Services by S. Henderson.

I. T. Tichenor, Cor. Sec. of Home Mission Board of Southern Baptist Convention, addressed the body on the subject of Home Missions.

A collection was taken for benefit of 1st Baptist Church in New Orleans, amounting to \$15.50.

On motion of A. Williams, pastors of churches are requested to appoint brethren in each church to raise Home Mission funds, and the pastors to aid them by appropriate sermons and exhortations.

The Committee on Home Missions, reported :

1. No interest cherished by Southern Baptists has stronger claims on our sympathies and contributions than has this enterprise.

2. No enterprise has received less attention in proportion to its importance.

3. The retiring Secretary, Brother McIntosh, deserves the hearty commendation of the denomination for his arduous and faithful contributions of labor to the former success of this interest, when established at Marion.

4. Satisfied with its past administration, we are confidently hopeful for its future career under the auspices of its present Secretary, Brother I. T. Tichenor, at Atlanta.

5. We pledge our cheerful support to the Board hereafter, as heretofore.  
W. WILKES, Chairman.

Report adopted.

Finance Committee report adopted. (See Appendix.)

The balance due, \$17.35, on note given by J. J. D. Renfroe for expenses at Howard College of B. F. Giles, was raised and paid by the Association.

On motion of A. Williams, the collection to be taken on Sunday, shall be divided equally between Home and Foreign Missions.

The Committee on Assessments, S. Henderson, Chairman, reported. (See Appendix.)

Report adopted.

A resolution of thanks to the Church and citizens of Munford and vicinity, was adopted. Analysis of the resolution :

1st. We have been entertained.

2d. We have been hospitably entertained.

3d. We have been *so* hospitably entertained.

The Association, with parting hand, and prayer by Eld. J. J. D. Renfroe, then adjourned to meet with Hephzibah Church, on Tuesday before 3d Sabbath in September, A. D. 1883.

E. T. SMYTH, Moderator.

LEALIS LAW, Clerk.



## APPENDIX.

### PLEDGES FOR INDIGENT MINISTERS' FUND.

MUNFORD, Talladega Co., Ala., Sept. 15, 1882.

We the undersigned, messengers from the several churches of the Coosa River Association, hereby agree to faithfully pay to the Board of Trustees of the Indigent Ministers' Fund the sum set opposite our names respectively, in two installments, one half due Dec. 1st, 1882, and the other half due Dec. 1st, 1883.

NAMES OF MESSENGERS.		NAMES OF CHURCHES.	Am't Pledged
John M. Crook.....	Jacksonville.....		\$ 10 00
A. W. Bell.....	Blue Eye.....		15 00
C. W. Stringer.....	Talladega.....		30 00
Leopold Merkl.....	Union.....		10 00
T. K. Burns.....	Refuge.....		15 00
D. M. Murphree.....	Cold Water.....		5 00
J. L. Vincent.....	Sulphur Springs.....		10 00
Jno. B. Mynatt.....	Salem.....		5 00
J. S. Kelly.....	Oxford.....		20 00
W. S. Griffin.....	Mt. Zion, (Calhoun County).....		10 00
W. K. Mynatt.....	Oak Bowery.....		5 00
B. B. Nunnally.....	Cane Creek.....		5 00
J. A. Collins and N. Willingham.....	Coosa Valley.....		5 00
Wm. Wright.....	Munford.....		10 00
E. V. Weaver.....	Weaver's Station.....		5 00
Geo. M. Dickson.....	Ferryville.....		5 00
J. K. Elliot.....	Pleasant Grove.....		10 00
A. D. Bell.....	Alpine.....		15 00
W. A. Hawkins.....	Hephzibah.....		5 00
E. Haywood.....	Pilgrim's Rest.....		2 00
W. T. Killabrew.....	Fort Williams.....		5 00
J. M. Sherrill.....	Tallassahatchie.....		5 00
F. M. Moss.....	Childersburg.....		5 00
H. C. Phillips.....	Harpersville.....		5 00
H. D. Moore.....	Winterboro.....		5 00
T. M. Henderson.....	Wilsonville.....		5 00
W. H. Malone.....	Mt. Zion, (Talladega County).....		10 00
S. D. McClelen.....	Post Oak Spring.....		5 00
J. L. Davis.....	Spring Creek.....		5 00
			\$247 00
INDIVIDUAL PLEDGES.			
Samuel Henderson.....		\$ 5 00	
J. E. Welch.....		5 00	
E. B. Ledbetter.....		5 00	15 00
Total.....			\$262 00

## The Committee to Distribute Contributions to Benevolent Enterprises reported :

We, the committee appointed to distribute a *pro rata* share of the amount which the State Mission Board asks the Coosa River Association to contribute to all our benevolent enterprises, Mission and Educational, have agreed on the following as being about equitable and fair. Of course, we do not demand the amount, for we have no right to do this; but we respectfully ask our brethren to raise the sum indicated from all our Churches.

S. HENDERSON,	}	Committee.
A. WILLIAMS,		
B. MATTISON,		
E. WELCH,		
E. G. ROBERTSON,		

FIRST DISTRICT.			
Cold Water.....	\$ 30 00	Pleasant Grove.....	25 00
Sulphur Springs.....	30 00	Alpine.....	80 00
Antioch.....	20 00	Hephzibah.....	20 00
Salem.....	30 00	Beech Grove.....	10 00
Oxford.....	100 00	THIRD DISTRICT.	
Jacksonville.....	25 00	Pilgrim's Rest.....	\$ 10 00
Post Oak Spring.....	30 00	Fort Williams.....	35 00
Mt. Zion.....	65 00	Tallassahatchie.....	15 00
Oak Bowery.....	15 00	Childersburg.....	25 00
Cane Creek.....	15 00	Mt. Zion.....	25 00
Munford.....	20 00	Rocky Mount.....	10 00
Weaver's Station.....	30 00	Winterboro.....	30 00
SECOND DISTRICT.		FOURTH DISTRICT.	
Blue Eye.....	\$ 30 00	Harpersville.....	\$ 80 00
Talladega.....	80 00	Spring Creek.....	25 00
Union.....	15 00	Macedonia.....	25 00
Ferryville.....	15 00	Coosa Valley.....	25 00
Refuge.....	25 00	Wilsonville.....	25 00

Committee on Public Worship made the following appointments :

T. K. Trotter, at Baptist Church, Thursday 7:30 P. M.  
W. S. Griffin, at Silver Run, Friday 7:30 P. M.  
W. Wilkes, at Baptist Church, Saturday 7:30 P. M.  
I. A. J. Nelson, at Silver Run, Saturday 7:30 P. M.  
I. T. Tichenor, at Baptist Church, Sunday 11 A. M.  
J. J. D. Renfro, at Baptist Church, Sunday 1:00 P. M.

## →\*DISTRICT + COMMITTEES\*←

TO ARRANGE PROGRAMME FOR DISTRICT MISSIONARY MEETINGS.

FIRST DISTRICT—Abner Williams, James S. Kelley and E. G. Robertson.  
SECOND DISTRICT—Ed J. Dean, P. G. Stringer and D. T. Castleberry.  
THIRD DISTRICT—James L. Wilkes, B. Fluker and H. G. Darby.  
FOURTH DISTRICT—H. C. Phillips, Jabez Fluker and R. B. Posey.

## **\*STANDING COMMITTEES\***

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STATE MISSIONS—W. Wilkes, J. W. Bishop and J. K. Elliott.

HOME MISSIONS—S. Henderson, F. Moss and W. E. Welch.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—J. J. D. Renfroe, A. W. Bell and G. C. Wright.

EDUCATION—J. E. Welch, D. T. Castleberry and Paul Gist.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION—J. C. Wright, W. S. Griffin and A. W. McGaha.

FAMILY RELIGION—Leopold Merkl, John W. McCain and George M. Dickson.

TEMPERANCE—Abner Williams, T. P. Gwin and D. B. Williams.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION—L. Law, J. J. D. Renfroe, Jno. M. Cook, E. V. Weaver, W. Wilkes, A. D. Bell and S. D. McClelen.

TRUSTEES INDIGENT MINISTERS' FUND—John W. Bishop, C. W. Stringer, W. A. Welch, Jas. M. Elliott and Jas. S. Kelly.

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## **\*EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE\***

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P. G. Stringer,  
J. B. Mynatt.

Ed J. Dean,  
W. T. Webb,

J. S. Kelly,

G. A. Joiner,  
John Henderson.

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# REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

CHURCHES.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Associational Missions.	Minutes.	Jenkins Fund.	Gile's Fund.	Ammon Church.	TOTAL.
Salem.....	\$ 1 40		1 45		2 00				4 85
Sulphur Springs.....					2 50				2 50
Post Oak Springs.....					2 00				2 00
Tallassahatchie.....					1 50				1 50
Spring Creek.....			1 00		1 50				2 50
Rocky Mount.....		10 00			2 50	50 00			62 50
Alpine.....					2 00				2 00
Weaver's Station.....					2 50		6 50		10 00
Harpersville.....					2 00				2 00
Union.....			2 00		2 00				4 00
Antioch.....		8 00	1 00		2 00				11 00
Hephzibah.....				50	1 50				2 00
Wilsonville.....	3 00		5 00		2 00				10 00
Macedonia.....					2 00				2 00
Pilgrim's Rest.....					1 00				1 00
Munford.....					3 00				3 00
Oak Bowery.....			7 00		1 45				8 45
Pleasant Grove.....	2 25				2 00	5 00			9 25
Cold Water.....		3 25			3 00				6 25
Childersburg.....					2 50				2 50
Mount Sharon.....					1 00		1 00		2 00
Blue Eye.....	5 00	4 50	2 50		2 00				15 00
Refuge.....					1 50				1 50
Cane Creek.....	5 00				2 00				7 00
Mt. Zion (Calhoun county).....					3 00				3 00
Winterboro.....	5 00				2 00				7 00
Cocoa Valley.....			2 00		1 50	5 00			8 50
Talladega.....					4 00				4 00
Beech Grove.....					1 00				1 00
Jacksonville.....					2 00				2 00
Ferryville.....					2 00				2 00
Fort Williams.....					3 00				3 00
Oxford.....					5 00				5 00
Mt. Zion (Talladega county).....					3 00			2 50	5 50
Clerk of Association.....									20 00
Mrs. M. G. Posey.....	5 00	5 00	10 00				10 00		30 00
Mrs. H. E. Reynolds.....							22 50		22 50
Public Collections.....	28 55	13 00							41 55
Total.....	\$26 65	59 30	44 95	50 74	45 50	50 00	50 00	2 50	\$308 35

ED J. DEAN,  
H. M. BURT, } Committee.  
F. MOSS.

# REPORTS FROM THE CHURCHES.

CHURCHES.	Pastors.	Clerks.	Post Office.	Baptized.	Red'd by letter.	Restored.	Deceased.	Total Membership.	Sate Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Associational Missions.	Ministerial Education.	Indigent Ministers' Fund.	TOTAL.
Cold Water.	T. P. Gwin.	R. P. Heaton.	Oxford.	5	4	4	1	121		3 25					9 55
Sulphur Springs.	T. K. Trotter.	L. B. Mayfield.	Brumer.	26	5	7	2	170							56 58
Atioch.	Asa Allen.	G. W. Manning.	Oxford.	1	5	4	1	68		8 00	1 00				11 48
alem.	T. P. Gwin.	T. W. Ogletree.	Eastaboga.	5	1	4	1	81	1 40		1 45				58 43
xford.	J. C. Wright.	T. M. Draper.	Oxford.	29	14	2	1	228		91 30	22 13				118 22
Jacksonville.	A. W. McGaha.	P. D. Ross.	Jacksonville.	3	12	1	2	39							80 00
of Oak Spring.	T. P. Gwin.	B. G. McClelen.	Alexandria.	19	6	15	1	150							80 00
st. Zion, Calhoun county.	A. W. McGaha.	E. F. Crook.	Alexandria.	3	15			93							80 00
ak Bowery.	W. S. Griffin.	E. Stephens.	Cane Creek.	12	10	1	4	104			7 00				80 00
Cane Creek.	T. K. Trotter.	W. O. Peace.	Martin's X Roads.	1	1	1		60	5 00						80 00
Munford.	E. T. Smyth.	B. W. Mattison.	Munford.	6	2	4	3	73							80 00
Weaver's Station.	T. P. Gwin.	J. W. Lester.	Weaver's Station.	11	29	7	1	127							80 00
Blue Eye.	G. Mynatt.	J. D. Renfro.	Lincoln.	37	5	3	4	90	5 00	4 50	2 50				15 00
Talladega.	J. J. D. Renfro.	G. A. Joiner.	Talladega.	2	1	4	3	162			50 50				73 00
Union.	Wm. F. McCain.	M. W. Beavers.	Conchara.	2	1	4	3	39			2 00				30 00
Ferryville.	P. S. Montgomery.	J. D. Truss, Jr.	Ferryville.	13	10	4	2	81							14 00
Refuge.	Wm. F. McCain.	C. L. Hammond.	Lincoln.	6	4	5	2	120							1 50
Pleasant Grove.	W. Y. Browning.	T. E. Ogletree.	Eureka.	17	3	2	5	66	2 25						1 05
Alpine.	S. Henderson.	R. Thompson.	Alpine.	6	3	2		64							58 00
Hephzibah.	Wm. F. McCain.	J. K. Jones.	Talladega.	1	1	1	1	86			10 00	50 50			80 00
Beech Grove (new).	S. Henderson.	F. S. Mallory.	Alpine.	3	2			21							1 00
Pilgrim's Rest.	John Garrett.	J. D. Mathis.	Pennington.	4	3	1		28							3 00
Fort Williams.	W. Wilkes.	M. S. Bennett.	Fayetteville.	6	2	1	5	67							2 00
Tallassahatchie.	E. T. Smyth.	J. M. Sherrill.	Sycamore.	2	2	1		118							2 00
Childersburg.	E. T. Smyth.	F. Moss.	Childersburg.	2	9		1	55							2 00
Mt. Zion, Talladega Co.	W. Wilkes.	H. G. Darby.	Sylacauga.	3	3	2		90							3 00
Mt. Sharon.	W. Wilkes.	J. A. Hammett.	Fayetteville.	4	4	2		55							1 00
Rocky Mount.	John Garrett.	T. W. Barnett.	Sylacauga.	4	4	1	1	58			1 00				50 50
Shelving Rock.	Isaiah Holmes.	Jas. Martin.	Sylacauga.	5	17	11		74							7 00
Wintersboro.	E. B. Teague.	T. Prather.	Alpine.	20	7	3	1	72	5 00						10 00
Harpersville.	W. H. Kidd.	W. H. Kidd.	Harpersville.	3	2	6	1	115							1 50
Spring Creek.	W. W. Kidd.	W. R. Singleton.	Harpersville.	4	2	9	1	45							14 00
Macedonia.	W. W. Kidd.	D. C. Davis.	Kelly's Creek.	3	2	6		55	12 00						8 50
Cooma Valley.	Wm. S. Robinson.	R. D. Willingham.	Easonville.	3	3	15		90			2 00				10 00
Wilsonville.	E. B. Teague.	J. N. Ray.	Wilsonville.	3	2	4	1	69	3 00		5 00				

Total.

244 121 94 29 15 40 299 33 65 117 05 114 58 50 50 77 20 74 45 1467 43

Clerks of churches will please take notice that the Association has adopted a uniform Associational Letter, which will be sent to the churches with the Minutes, and the Clerks are requested to preserve them, and fill blanks and forward to next Association, in lieu of the usual church letter.

LEALIS LAW, Clerk of Association.